

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is.

- 1    1.     A process comprising:  
2           first forming an imprinted first polymer disposed upon a substrate under  
3           conditions to increase the glass transition temperature ( $T_G$ ) of the first polymer; and  
4           subsequently thermal curing an imprinted subsequent polymer disposed over  
5           the first polymer.
- 1    2.     The process of claim 1, before subsequently thermal curing, the process  
2           further including:  
3           subsequently thermal imprinting the subsequent polymer, under conditions  
4           to increase the  $T_G$  of the second polymer.
- 1    3.     The process of claim 1, wherein subsequently thermal curing includes a  
2           single thermal cure, selected from microwave radiation, infrared radiation, and  
3           convection.
- 1    4.     The process of claim 1, wherein first forming an imprinted first polymer  
2           exposes a portion of the substrate.
- 1    5.     The process of claim 1, wherein first forming an imprinted first polymer  
2           exposes a portion of the substrate to form a first topology, further including:  
3           forming a first metallization within a recess in the first topology.
- 1    6.     The process of claim 1, wherein subsequently thermal curing is carried out  
2           under conditions to heat the subsequent polymer at a greater rate than the substrate.

1     7.     The process of claim 1, further including:  
2             first imprinting the first polymer to form a first topology, wherein first  
3 imprinting exposes a portion of the substrate; and  
4             subsequently imprinting the subsequent polymer to form a second topology,  
5 wherein the second topology exposes a portion of the first polymer.

1     8.     The process of claim 1, further including:  
2             first imprinting the first polymer to form a first topology, wherein first  
3 imprinting exposes a portion of the substrate;  
4             forming a first metallization within a recess in the first topology;  
5             subsequently thermal imprinting the subsequent polymer to form a second  
6 topology, under conditions to increase the  $T_G$  of the second polymer, wherein the  
7 second topology exposes a portion of the first polymer; and  
8             forming a subsequent metallization within a recess in the subsequent  
9 topology.

1     9.     The process of claim 1, wherein the substrate includes an upper surface and  
2 a lower surface, wherein the first polymer is disposed upon the upper surface,  
3 wherein the first polymer includes a cured polymer upper first film, wherein the  
4 second polymer includes a cured polymer upper second film, and upon the lower  
5 surface, the process further including:  
6             first thermal curing a lower first polymer under conditions to heat the lower  
7 first polymer at greater rate than the substrate; and  
8             subsequently thermal curing an imprinted subsequent lower polymer  
9 disposed over the lower first polymer.

1     10.    The process of claim 1, wherein the first polymer is formed over the  
2 substrate by depositing a prepolymer selected from a resin, a cyanate ester, a  
3 polyimide, a polybenzoxazole, a polybenzimidazole, a polybenzothiazole, and  
4 combinations thereof.

1 11. The process of claim 1, wherein the cured polymer first film includes a film-  
2 to-substrate thickness ratio selected from about one-tenth, one-eighth, one-fifth,  
3 one-fourth, one-third, and one-half the thickness of the substrate.

1 12. The process of claim 1, wherein the first polymer is formed over the  
2 substrate by depositing a prepolymer selected from a resin, a cyanate ester, a  
3 polyimide, a polybenzoxazole, a polybenzimidazole, a polybenzothiazole, and  
4 combinations thereof, and wherein the cured polymer first film includes a film-to-  
5 substrate thickness ratio selected from about one-tenth, one-eighth, one-fifth, one-  
6 fourth, one-third, and one-half the thickness of the substrate.

1 13. The process of claim 1, further including:  
2 *in situ* testing the substrate while attached as part of an array of substrates.

1 14. A process comprising:  
2 first forming an imprinted first polymer disposed upon a substrate under  
3 conditions to increase the glass transition temperature ( $T_G$ ) of the first polymer;  
4 second forming an imprinted second polymer upon the imprinted first  
5 polymer to form a second topology including a second recess; and  
6 subsequently thermal curing the imprinted subsequent polymer disposed  
7 over the first polymer, wherein subsequently thermal curing forms a cured polymer  
8 upper first film from the imprinted first polymer and a cured polymer upper second  
9 film from the imprinted second polymer.

1 15. The process of claim 14, before second forming, further including:  
2 forming a first conductive material in the first recess; and  
3 forming a second conductive material in the second recess.

1 16. The process of claim 14, further including:  
2 forming a first conductive material in the first recess, wherein forming a first  
3 conductive material is selected from blanket depositing and electroless plating; and  
4 after second curing  
5 forming a second conductive material in the second recess, wherein forming  
6 a second conductive material is selected from blanket depositing and electroless  
7 plating.

1 17. The process of claim 14, wherein the first polymer is formed over the  
2 substrate by depositing a prepolymer selected from a resin, a cyanate ester, a  
3 polyimide, a polybenzoxazole, a polybenzimidazole, a polybenzothiazole, and  
4 combinations thereof.

1 18. The process of claim 14, wherein the cured polymer first film is in a film-to-  
2 substrate thickness ratio selected from about one-tenth, one-eighth, one-fifth, one-  
3 fourth, one-third, and one-half the thickness of the substrate.

1 19. The process of claim 14, wherein the first polymer is formed over the  
2 substrate by depositing a prepolymer selected from a resin, a cyanate ester, a  
3 polyimide, a polybenzoxazole, a polybenzimidazole, a polybenzothiazole, and  
4 combinations thereof, and wherein the cured polymer first film is in a film-to-  
5 substrate thickness ratio selected from about one-tenth, one-eighth, one-fifth, one-  
6 fourth, one-third, and one-half the thickness of the substrate.

1 20. The process of claim 14, wherein subsequently thermal curing is carried out  
2 under conditions to heat the first polymer at greater rate than the substrate.

1 21. A method comprising:  
2 assembling a die to a mounting substrate, wherein the mounting substrate  
3 includes:

4                   a first thermally imprinted cured polymer first film disposed upon a  
5           substrate; and  
6                   a subsequently thermally imprinted cured polymer subsequent film  
7           disposed over the first cured polymer first film.

1   22.    The method of claim 21, wherein assembling a die to a mounting substrate is  
2   selected from assembling a processor to a mother board, assembling a processor to a  
3   mezzanine board, assembling a processor to an expansion card, assembling a  
4   memory chip to a board, assembling a digital signal processor to a board,  
5   assembling a micro-controller to a board, assembling an application specific  
6   integrated circuit to a board, and combinations thereof.

1   23.    The method of claim 21, wherein the cured polymer first film includes a first  
2   topology that exposes a portion of the substrate, wherein a first metallization is  
3   disposed within a recess in the first topology; wherein the cured polymer second  
4   film includes a second topology, wherein a subsequent metallization is disposed  
5   within a recess in the subsequent topology, the method further including:  
6           forming an electrical bump in contact with the subsequent metallization; and  
7           coupling the electrical bump with the die.

1   24.    The method of claim 21, wherein the first thermally imprinted polymer  
2   is imprinted under conditions to increase the glass transition temperature  
3   ( $T_G$ ) of the first polymer, and wherein the subsequently thermally  
4   imprinted polymer is imprinted under conditions to increase the  $T_G$  of the  
5   subsequent polymer.

1   25.    An intermediate system comprising:  
2           a substrate at a substrate temperature;  
3           a cured polymer first film at a first glass transition temperature ( $T_G$ ); and  
4           an intermediate polymer second film at a second  $T_G$ , wherein the cured

5 polymer second film is disposed above and on at least a portion of the  
6 cured polymer first film, and wherein the second  $T_G$  is less than the first  $T_G$ .

1 26. The intermediate system of claim 25, wherein the cured polymer first  
2 film is selected from a resin, a cyanate ester, a polyimide, a  
3 polybenzoxazole, a polybenzimidazole, a polybenzothiazole, and  
4 combinations thereof.

1 27. The intermediate system of claim 25, wherein the cured polymer first  
2 film is in a film-to-substrate thickness ratio selected from about  
3 one-tenth, one-eighth, one-fifth, one-fourth, one-third, and one-half  
4 the thickness of the substrate.

1 28. A structure comprising:  
2 a substrate;  
3 a cured polymer first film disposed above the substrate, wherein the cured  
4 polymer first film exhibits a first topology, and a minimum feature within the first  
5 topology, and wherein the minimum feature exhibits a deviation from planarity of  
6 10 percent or less; and  
7 a cured polymer second film disposed above and on the cured polymer  
8 first film, wherein the cured polymer second film exhibits a second topology.

1 29. The structure of claim 28 further including:  
2 an electronic device electrically coupled to the structure.

1 30. The structure of claim 28, further including:  
2 an electronic device electrically coupled to the structure, wherein the  
3 structure is disposed in one of a computer, a wireless communicator, a  
4 hand-held device, an automobile, a locomotive, an aircraft, a watercraft, and a  
5 spacecraft.